

What is claimed is:

1. A method of managing an image recording medium, comprising the steps of:

5                   storing a plurality of image recording mediums in an image recording medium storage;

                  acquiring medium information including type information of the image recording mediums stored in the image recording medium storage and identification information for

10                identifying the image recording mediums, from said image recording medium storage;

                  setting subject information of a subject with respect to image information to be recorded on the image recording mediums;

15                selecting one of the image recording mediums which has said type information that matches said subject information which has been set; and

                  setting an associative relationship between said identification information of the selected image recording 20 medium and said subject information.

25                2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said medium information includes positional information of the image recording mediums stored in said image recording medium storage, further comprising the step of:

                  selecting the image recording medium based on said positional information of the image recording medium which

has said type information that matches said subject information which has been set.

5           3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said medium information includes size information of said image recording mediums as said type information.

10           4. A method according to claim 1, wherein said medium information includes sensitivity information of said image recording mediums as said type information.

15           5. A method according to claim 1, wherein said subject information includes ID information of said subject.

20           6. A method according to claim 1, wherein said subject information includes imaging information with respect to image information of said subject.

25           7. An apparatus for managing an image recording medium, comprising:

              an image recording medium storage for storing a plurality of image recording mediums;

              medium information acquiring units for acquiring medium information including type information of the image recording mediums stored in the image recording medium storage and identification information for identifying the image recording mediums, from said image recording medium

storage;

a subject information setting unit for setting subject information of a subject with respect to image information to be recorded on the image recording mediums;

5 an image recording medium selector for selecting one of the image recording mediums which has said type information that matches said subject information which has been set; and

10 an associative relationship setting unit for setting an associative relationship between said identification information of the selected image recording medium and said subject information.

15 8. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said medium information acquiring units have information readers for reading said type information and said identification information which are recorded on said image recording mediums.

20 9. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said image recording mediums are stored in respective cassettes which are stored in said image recording medium storage.

25 10. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said medium information acquiring units have information readers for reading said type information and said identification information which are recorded on said cassettes.

11. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said image recording medium storage is disposed closely to an image recording apparatus for recording image information on said image recording mediums.

12. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said image recording medium storage is disposed integrally with an image reading apparatus for reading recorded image information from said image recording mediums.

13. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said medium information includes positional information of the image recording mediums stored in said image recording medium storage.

14. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said medium information includes size information of said image recording mediums as said type information.

15. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said medium information includes sensitivity information of said image recording mediums as said type information.

16. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said subject information includes ID information of said subject.

17. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said subject information includes imaging information with respect to image information of said subject.

5 18. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said image recording medium storage has ejectors for ejecting the image recording medium selected by said image recording medium selector.

10 19. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said image recording medium storage has display elements for indicating a storage position of the image recording medium selected by said image recording medium selector.